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The oath to be administred.

YOu shall sweare to make diligent inquirie and true presentment, of the fame and suspition of all such offences, as are reputed and taken to haue beene committed since the ninth day of November, in the yeare of our Lord 1609. by any person or persons, abiding and dwelling within your parish: And of all offences, by the same or any other persons done, punishable in the Ecclesiasticall Court, excepted, out of his Maiesties late generall pardon graunted, and expressed in the Articles hereunto annexed, without fauour or affection to any. So helpe you, God and the contents of this booke.

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Articles to be inquired of within the Dioces of Norwich:

Ann. Dom. 1611.

Articles concerning Religion, Prayer, and Sacraments.

Titul. 1.

FIrſt, Whether be there any abiding, or reſorting to your pariſh, that be knowne (ſince the 9. of *Novemb.* 1609.) to haue defended any hereticall opinions contrarie to the holy Scriptures of God, and firſt foure generall Councells, wherein the ſame was declared hereſie by the expreſſe word of the ſaide Canonicall Scriptures: And what be thoſe opinions, and who be the authors thereof. Hereticall opinions.

2 *Item*, whether be there any perſon, or perſons, that wilfully and obſtinately refuſe, to reſort and come to his pariſh Church, chappell, or Oratorie, vpon Saboth daies, and holy-daies, and there abide orderly and ſoberly to heare diuine ſeruice and Sermon. Abſence from Church.

3 *Item*, whether be there any Popiſhly affected, abiding or reſorting to your pariſh, which continueth diſobedient and wilfully obſtinate, without repairing to the Church to heare diuine ſeruice, and without his or their due conformitie, and obedience to his Highnes laws, in that behalfe made and prouided: and what be their names, and the names of their children, and how be the ſame children brought vp and inſtructed in Chriſtian and true religion. Popiſh Recusants.

4 *Item*, whether doe any perſon within your pariſh, depraue the forme of Common praier, and adminiſtration of the Sacraments, rites, and ceremonies ſet forth and preſcribed in the booke of Common praier of this Realme, by the Kings Maieſtie authoriſed, and confirmed; or preach, declare, and ſpeake any thing, in the derogation of the ſaid booke of Common praier, or any thing therein contained: or the Sacraments, or either of them, or any other rites & ceremonies of the Church of England, by law eſtabliſhed. Derogation of the booke of Common praier and Sacraments.

5 *Item*, whether doth any in your pariſh refuſe or neglect

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Neglect and contempt of Sacraments.

to receiue the holy Communion, thrice euery yeare in his parish Church, and for what cause, and whether doe any deferre to offer his child to be baptised, longer then the next Sabboth day, or holy day after the birth of it, and whether be the parents of that child to be baptized, admitted to be godfathers, or godmothers for the same.

Baptising of base children.

6 *Item*, whether is the Sacrament of baptisme refused to be administred, or vnadministred to any base child borne out of matrimonie, and by whose default.

Popish Recusants.

7 *Item*, whether is there any Popishly affected, who hath beene formerly detected, and presented for a Popish Recusant, and since hath conformed himselfe, which hath not since his said conformitie, receiued the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, once in the yeare at the least, in the Church of that parish where he or shee haue most vsually made their aboad, or beene within the said yeare.

8 *Item*, whether hath any Popish Recusant had any child borne, when, where, by whome, and in what manner was that child baptised.

Tit. 2.

Articles concerning Ministers and Preachers of Gods holy word.

Obseruation of the forme of Common praier and Sacraments.

First, whether doth the Minister reade the forme of Common prayer in such sort as is set forth in the booke of Common prayer, confirmed by his Maiesties authoritie, and administer the Sacraments with due obseruation of all rites and ceremonies prescribed to be vsed in the administration of them, without adding, altering, or omitting any part or parcell of the said praiers, or not vsing the signe of the crosse in baptisme, or innovating any thing in the administration of the Sacraments: and whether doth he in the execution of his Ministerie, publikely vse such apparell and ornaments as be by lawfull authoritie appointed in that behalfe.

Conversation of the Minister.

2 *Item*, whether is your Minister studious in the holy Scriptures, and abstaineth from mechanicall trades and occupations, or labouring in husbandrie, vnseemely, and not befitting his vocation and calling.

3 *Item*,

3 *Item*, whether doth your Minister alwaies weare decent apparell befitting his degree and calling, according to the canon in that behalfe. Apparell of the Minister.

4 *Item*, whether is he diligent and carefull, faithfully to execute his pastorall office and function, by reading morning and euening praier in the Church in due and seasonable time, on such dayes as are by lawe appointed, and by catechizing of the youth of his parish euerie Sabbath day and holy day, one halfe houre before or at the time of euening prayer, in the catachisme by his Maiestie confirmed: and whether doe all the parishioners giue reuerent attention at that time of catechizing. Service and catechizing.

5 *Item*, whether doth your Minister repell and debarre any of his parishioners from the holy communion, vpon light and friuolous causes, not warrantable by lawe, arising rather of malice conceiued against the partie, then otherwise. Debarring from the communion without cause.

6 *Item*, whether is your Minister resiant and dwelling vpon his benefice, or absent: if absent, by whom is the cure serued, the fruites receiued, and the parishioners taught in his absence. Non residence of the Minister.

7 *Item*, whether is your Minister suspected or knowne to haue obtained his benefice or spirituall promotion, by any symoniacall compact, directly or indirectly. Simonie.

8 *Item*, whether doth any Minister, either preach or expound the Scriptures, or reade diuine seruice within your parish Church, or any Curate serue without assignatiō or license from the Bishop of the dioceſſe vnder his hand and seale, contrarie to the Canon in that behalfe. Curate or Preacher not licensed.

9 *Item*, whether doth euerie one that preacheth or readeth any homilie in your Church, before the sermon, or homilie, vse the effect of that forme of praier, which is prescribed by the 55. Canon, for the Chnrch, our King, Queene, Prince, Clergie, Councell, &c. giuing the titles by Canon required. Praier for the King, Counsell, Clergie, &c before Sermon, &c.

10 *Item*, whether doth your Minister admit any to the holy communion, that are knowne to be notorious offenders, either by adulterie, fornication, or any other kind of incontinencie and lust, or that haue done open wrong to his or their neigh- Notorius offenders communicants.

neighbour, without due pennance first done to the congregation, or reconciliation made to the partie wronged.

Maintenance of false doctrine.

11 *Item*, whether doth your Minister or any other in your parish advisedly maintaine, or affirme any doctrine directly contrarie, or repugnant to the Articles of Christian faith and religion confirmed and published, An. Dom. 1562.

Weekely and monethly sermons and homilies.

12 *Item*, (in case your Minister be not a licensed Preacher or non-resident, whether haue you any monethly sermons in your parish or no, and whether are the homilies read when there is no sermon.) And in case your Minister be a Preacher licensed and resident, whether doth he preach one sermon euery sunday of the yeare in your parrish Church, or some other neere, according to the Canon in that behalfe.

Ministers to conferre with, and present recusants.

13 *Item*, in case you haue any Popish recusants in your parrish, whether be they conferred withall: And whether doth your Minister informe himselfe of such recusants, and yearely present them according to the 114. Canon in that behalfe made.

Preachers and lecturers.

14 *Item*, whether haue you any Preacher which doth preach or reade a lecture, or catechise in your parish, and whether (if any such be) doth he twise at the least euery yeare since he hath exercised his preaching, lecture, or catechising, reade himselfe the diuine seruice vpon two seuerall Sundaies publikely, and at the vsuall times both in the forenoone and afternoone in your Church, and also twice in the yeare administer both the Sacraments in such manner and forme, and with obseruation of all rites and ceremonies, as are prescribed by the booke of common prayer in that behalfe, and according to the 56. Canon by lawe established.

Tit. 3. Articles concerning the Church and the ornaments thereof.

Bookes and ornaments in the Church.

1 First, whether you haue in your Church, chappels, or oratorie, the booke of common praier, by the Kings Maiestie confirmed, and other bookes by the lawes and statutes of this Realme required: a decent Communion table, with cloath and couer: a Communion cuppe: a pulpit conuenient, and de-

decently kept: a font for Baptiſme: a decent large ſurplice: one cheſt for Almes, and hauing three locks and keyes: and one other cofer for the regiſter booke with three locks and keyes, acording to the Canons in that behalfe.

2 *Item*, whether is your pariſh Church and Chauncell in good and ſufficient reparations: And the Churchyard well and ſufficiently fenced about, and the houſes and edifices of your parſonage or Vicaridge, well and ſufficiently repaired: and if any be ruinated or waſted, in whom is the default. Reparations of Churches, Chãcells, Churchyards, and houſes of Parſonages and vicaridges.

3 *Item*, whether is your Church profaned or conuerted to any other vſe then for the ſeruice of God, common prayer, and exerciſe of religion, and by whoſe default is any ſuch abuſe committed. Church profaned.

4 *Item*, whether is the ſeates of your Church made ſeemely and conuenient, and the pariſhioners therein decently placed, the Church adorned with ſeemely ornaments by lawe required, the bels well maintained and kept, and rung at due times, and not otherwiſe. Church adorned.

5 *Item*, whether is your Church full ot vacant of an Incumbent: if vacant, who receiueth the fruits thereof, and ſerueth the cure, and by what authoritie, and whether is it a parſonage, vicaridge, or donatiue, or an Appropriation. Churches vacãt.

6 *Item*, whether be any children baptiſed in your pariſh without Godfathers and Godmothers. Godfathers and Godmothers in Baptiſme.

7 *Item*, whether is the Regiſter booke of all Mariages, Chriſtenings, and Burialls within your pariſh made and duely regiſtred and kept, and a certificate made yearely to the Lord Biſhop of the dioceſſe, or his Chauncellor, according to the lxx. Canon in that behalfe made. Regiſter booke.

8 *Item*, whether any perſon hath or doth conceale, detaine, or embezzell, or deface any of the Church goods, or whether haue they retained or detained to their owne vſe any goods, or legacies, or bequeſts giuen to the Church, or any other charitable or godly vſe or vſes, without due emploiment thereof. Embezzelling or concealing of Church goods.

9 *Item*, what houſes be there ſtanding now vpon your parſonage and vicaridge grounds, by what names are they called, and into how many roomes are they diſtinguiſhed. Parſonage and vicaridge houſes.

Burying of Popiſh recuſants.

10 *Item*, whether hath any Popiſh recuſant beeing lawfully excõmunicated beene interred or buried in your Church or Churchyard, before abſolution of that cenſure and excommunication, and by whom, and when.

*Tit.*4. *Articles concerning Churchwardens.*

1 Firſt, whether be the Churchwardens diligent and carefull in the execution of their office, to ſee decencie kept, and comelines obſerued in the Church in time of Common praier, and adminiſtration of the Sacraments, and then euerie pariſhioner behaue himſelfe orderly and ſoberly in the Church, without diſturbance of the Miniſter or Preacher.

All Preaches regiſtred.

2 *Item*, whether doe the Churchwardens keepe a booke in your pariſh, wherein the name of euerie ſtrange Preacher reſorting to your pariſh Church, and preaching there is regiſtred and ſet downe. And whether haue the ſaid Preachers ſubſcribed their names in the ſaid booke, according to the canon in that behalfe. And whether any Preachers not beeing licenſed haue beene ſuffred by the Churchwardens to preach.

*Tit.*5. *Artles concerning Matrimonie.*

Mariage within the Leviticall degrees.

1 Firſt, whether be there any that haue married within the degrees of affinitie, or conſanguinitie by the lawes of God forbidden.

Mariage in priuate houſes.

2 *Item*, whether be there any that haue married ſecretly within any priuate houſe, ſince the 9. of Novemb. 1609. the banes beeing not three ſeuerall Sundaies, or holy daies, in the time of diuine ſeruice asked.

Married perſons liuing apart.

3 *Item*, whether be there any perſons lawfully married that doe liue a ſunder vnlawfully, and in whom is the default.

Marriage without banes.

4 *Item*, whether any perſon haue without licenſe beene married within your pariſh, without banes of Matrimonie thrice publiſhed in the Church, and who were preſent at ſuch marriages, and what Miniſter married them.

The dwelling of perſons maried.

5 *Item*, were any perſons by licenſe or without, married in your pariſh Church, neither of them beeing at the time of their

their marriage dwelling and inhabiting within your towne.

6 *Item*, were any persons by licenſe, or without, married in your pariſh Church in the afternoone of any day, or in the forenoone but betweene the houres of eight and twelue, according to the Canon in that behalfe. The times and houres Canonicall of mariage.

7 *Item*, what persons haue married in your pariſh by licenſe, without banes asked ſince the 9. of November 1609. and who graunted any ſuch licenſe. What licenſes haue beene graunted and by whom.

8 *Item*, whether haue any Popiſh recuſants been married whithin your pariſh, and in what ſort was that matrimonie ſolemnized, when, and by whom. Marriage of Popiſh recuſants.

Articles concerning the pariſhioners, and other of the Laietie. *Tit.6.*

1 Firſt, whether doe any profane the Sabbath day by vnlawfull games, drinking or tipling in the time of Common prayer, or ſermon, and by working, and doing the ordinarie worke of their vocation, trade, and calllng, ſince the 9. of Nouember, 1609. Profaning the Sabbath.

2 *Item*, whether be there any within your pariſh that be or are commonly knowne or ſuſpected to be blaſphemers of Gods holy name, common ſwearers, drunkards, adulterers, fornicators, inceſtuous perſons, common lyers, ſlaunderers, and backebiters, that make debates and ſtrife, concealors of bawdrie and filthines, or any harborers or conveiers of fornicators or adulterers, or their children, which haue committed any of the ſaid offences, or beene notoriouſly ſuſpected or defamed thereof, ſince the 9. of November, 1609. Adulterie, fornication, inceſt.

3 *Item*, what perſons haue within your pariſh, ſince the ſaid 9. of Nouember, 1609. departed or beene conveyed out of your pariſh, hauing begotten, or borne children in fornication, or adulterie, which haue not before their departure done penance or made ſatisfaction to the Congregation for their offence, and who haue harboured, concealed, or conueyed ſuch offenders. Conveying of adulterers without penance performed.

4 *Item*, whether be there any in your pariſh which adminiſter the goods of any perſon deceaſed without lawfull au- Adminiſtring of goods without authoritie.

thoritie, and before he or thay haue prooued the will and teſtament of the partie deceaſed, or haue obtained commiſſion from the Ordinarie, to diſpoſe or adminiſter the ſaid mooueable goods.

Adminiſtrations not graunted, & wills not prooued.

5 *Item*, whether be there any mooueable goods of any perſon deceaſed not lawfully adminiſtred, or any the laſt wils and teſtaments of any teſtators deceaſed within your pariſh not prooued, according to the laws and ſtatuts of the Realme in this behalfe.

Abuſe of the Sacraments & Miniſters.

6 *Item*, whether be there any perſon or perſons in your pariſh, who in your hearing, or to your knowledge, ſince the 9. day of Novemb. 1609. haue reuiled or miſcalled the Miniſters, or any Miniſter of Gods holy word, calling them by reprochfull tearmes, dumbe dogges, baſe Prieſts, knaues, or any ſuch like contumelious tearmes, or haue vſed or ſpoken any ſuch ignominious words againſt them, or their marriage, or wiues.

Giuing of thãks after childbirth.

7 *Item*, whether any woman in your pariſh deliuered of child there, haue not giuen thankes according to the order preſcribed in the booke of Common praier, after ſuch her deliuerie: and who haue not ſo done.

Brawling or diſturbance in Church or Churchyard.

8 *Item*, whether hath any perſon or perſons ſince the 9. of Nov. 1609. quarelled, fought, chid, or brauled, or committed any diſturbance either in the Church or Churchyard in your pariſh.

Not ſending children to be catechiſed.

9 *Item*, whether hath any perſon forborne, or refuſed to ſend their children and ſeruants to be catechized by the Miniſter, vpon Sabaoth daies, and holy daies.

Adminiſtration of the Sacraments in priuate houſes.

10 *Item*, whether hath any perſon procured either of the Sacraments of baptiſme, or the Lords Supper, to be adminiſtred in their priuate houſes, and vpon what cauſe were they ſo adminiſtred.

Laie men exerciſing the Miniſters office.

11 *Item*, whether doth any lay-men, read publikely in your pariſh Church or Chappell publike praier, and intrude himſelfe into the Miniſters office, without ſpeciall diſpenſation in that behalfe.

Excõmunicate perſons.

12 *Item*, whether be there any in your pariſh, that be excommunicate perſons publike denounced: and whether doe any

any ſuch excommunicate perſons intrude themſelues in time of Common praier, to the diſturbance thereof.

13 *Item*, whether ſince the 9. day of Novemb. 1609. hath any adulterer, fornication, or inceſt committed within your pariſh by any perſon or perſons, which is not heretofore preſented, but concealed by thoſe who ſhould haue preſented the ſame. Conecaling ſinne.

14 *Item*, whether be there any ſuſpected of vſurie, for which any intereſt hath beene receiued or taken, ſince the ſaid 9. day of Novemb. 1609. conntrarie to the ſtatute Ann. 37. H. 8. and other ſtatutes of this Realme, in that behalfe made and prouided. Vſurie.

Articles concerning Eccleſiaſticall offices. *Tit.* 7.

1 Firſt, whether haue your Churchwardens or Queſtmen in their ſeuerall pariſhes, concealed any abuſes, enormities, or offences puniſhable in the Eccleſiaſticall Court: and whether any ſuch offences beeing heretofore preſented, are ſuppreſſed and vnpuniſhed, or the offenders diſmiſſed, without any due correction: and what are theſe offences, and by whoſe default are they vnpuniſhed. Concealing of offences and letting them go vnpuniſhed.

2 *Item*, what penance or puniſhment, enioyned by any Eccleſiaſticall Iudge, hath beene commuted or chaunged into a pecuniarie mulct, or ſumme of mony, and who ſo commuted the ſame: and how hath the ſame beene emploied. Commutation of penance.

3 *Item*, whether hath any Apparator, meſſenger, or Summoner, vnder colour or pretence of their ſeuerall authorities or conditions, haue cited or ſummoned any perſon vnlawfully, or for the concealing of offence or ſinne, or for the auoiding of puniſhment of the offender, hath taken any reward or gift, or otherwiſe dealt corruptly: and who be they that haue done ſo. Abuſes in Apparators and Summoners.

4 *Item*, whether any officers exerciſing Eccleſiaſticall Iuriſdiction, their Regiſters or deputies haue receiued mony for exhibiting bills, verdicts, or preſentments, or other fees, then ſuch as haue beene vſuall and of cuſtome, ſince the firſt yeare of the Raigne of Queene Elizabeth: and what haue bin Corruption in eccleſiaſticall Iudges and Regiſters.

ſo receiued, and by whome, and whether any preſentments by them or any of them haue beene ſuppreſſed, withdrawne, or not effectually proceeded in. And whether doe you know any perſon, ordered by law to doe penance, or excommunicate for not doing the ſame, that doth ſtill ſo continue vnreformed.

Titul. 8. *Articles concerning Schoolemaſters, Phyſitians, Surgeons, and Curates.*

Schoolemaſters not licenſed. 1 Firſt, whether is any Schoolemaſters within your pariſh that teacheth publikely or priuately, not licenſed by the Ordinarie, the Biſhop of this Dioceſſe.

Phiſitians, Surgeons. 2 *Item*, whether doth any practiſe Phyſicke or Chirurgerie, contrarie to the ſtatutes of this Realme, not beeing lawfully licenſed, or created Doctor in that facultie, by grace in either of the Vniuerſities of this Realme.

Curates not licenſed. 3 *Item*, whether doth any ſerue the cure of your pariſh-Church, without lawfull admiſſion to holy orders, and licenſe of the Biſhop, to read praiers and adminiſter the Sacraments in your Church.

Shoolemaſters. 4 *Item*, whether doe your Schoolemaſter inſtruct all thoſe which are his ſchollers, to learne the ſhorter Catechiſme by law authoriſed, contained in the booke of Common praier. And as often as any ſermon ſhall be vpon holy daies and feſtiuall daies within the pariſh where they teach, bring their ſchollers dwelling in your pariſh to Church where ſuch ſermon ſhall be made, and there ſee them quietly behaue themſelues, and in all other things behaue himſelfe according to the 79. Canon in that behalfe made.

Tit. 9. *Concerning the booke of Canons and Conſtitutions Eccleſiaſticall, agreed vpon in the Synod begun at London, Ann. Dom.* 1603.

The booke of Canons. 1 Firſt, whether haue you in your pariſh prouided the booke of Canons, for and at the charge of your pariſh, according as the Canons aforeſaid be ratified, and eſtabliſhed by his Maieſties letters patents.

2 *Item*, whether doth your Miniſter once euery yeare,

read

read the ſaid booke of Canons, in your ſaid pariſh Church, according to his ſaid Maieſties commandement. Canons read one euery yeare.

3 *Item*, whether doe you know any perſon or perſons within your pariſh, which ſince the 9. day of Novemb. 1609. haue offended or made any default in any ſort, againſt or contrarie to the purpoſe and intent of the ſaide Canons, which offence or default is not before remembred to be inquired of and preſented: And what be their names of ſuch perſon which haue made any ſuch offence or default. Defaults againſt Canon not before remembred.

Hos articulos numero Sexaginta ſeptem ſub Titulis nouem, emittit.

Fo. Norwicen.

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